

CERTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY RULES
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AGENCY NAME: The Alabama Board of Electrical Contractors

RULE NO. AND TITLE: 303-X-2-.01 Qualifications for an Electrical Contractor's License

EFFECTIVE DATE OF RULE: September 1, 2011

EXPIRATION DATE (If less than 120 days): December 29, 2011

NATURE OF EMERGENCY: To authorize the Board to approve examinations administered by an independent third party in order to issue an Electrical Contractors license to comply with the January 1, 2012 mandatory licensure requirement. Also allows the Board to approve provisional licenses to comply with the January 1, 2012 deadline.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Section 34-36-7 (a), Code of Ala., 1975

SUBJECT OF RULE TO BE ADOPTED ON PERMANENT BASIS X YES NO

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LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE SERVICE

303-X-2-.01 Qualifications for an Electrical Contractor's License

The Board shall have the power to determine the requirements for licensing a person to be an electrical contractor.

- (1) All applicants for licensure must submit a completed application, application fee, personal identification and supportive documents before taking an examination approved by the Board. After reviewing the documents submitted, the Board may approve or deny an applicant's request to sit for the examination. The Board shall examine applicants at least once every three (3) months according to the method deemed by it to be the most appropriate to test the qualifications of applicants.
- (2) The scope of licensing for an electrical contractor includes installation, design, plan, lay-out and directly supervising electrical construction activities. This work supervised must be commercial, industrial, or residential.
- (3) An electrical contractors' license in the state of Alabama is unlimited in voltage and bid requirements.
- (4) An applicant for state wide electrical contractor license must document to the Board's satisfaction a minimum of eight thousand (8,000) hours of experience in the overall design, planning, lay-out, and direct supervision of electrical construction activities and the soliciting and installing of electrical power or control systems This requirement may be satisfied with the documentation of eight thousand (8,000) hours of experience as a journeyman electrician in charge of jobs.
- (5) The applicant's electrical construction experience and activities must be truthfully, clearly and sufficiently documented on the application where indicated.
- (6) The applicant for an electrical contractor's license may substitute (1) year of education consisting of two (2) full time semesters or three (3) full time quarters in an approved electrical curriculum or one (1) year of an approved apprenticeship program for one thousand (1,000) hours of electrical experience. A maximum of two thousand (2,000) hours of the eight thousand (8,000) hours total requirement can be met with the substituted hours. The applicant must provide appropriate documentation of the substituted hours in an electrical curriculum or apprenticeship program, subject to the approval of the Board.
- (7) All applications submitted to the Board to qualify to sit for the electrical contractor's examination expire in two years from the approval date if the applicant has not successfully passed the requisite examination and fulfilled the requirements for licensing by the Board. If an applicant seeks to be qualified to take an examination to be licensed as an electrical contractor after the expiration date, a new application must be submitted to the Board.
- (8) ~~An individual who has successfully passed, on or before January 1, 2010, with a minimum score of seventy percent (70%), a nationally standardized proctored electrical examination administered in the state of Alabama, by Block and~~

~~Associates, International Code Council, Experior, Promissor, Thomson Prometric, PROV, or any other exam approved by the Board, shall be deemed to be in compliance with the testing requirement set forth by the Board for licensure as an electrical contractor. Individuals meeting this qualification shall also be required to complete all other qualifications set forth by this chapter and the Board prior to issuance of an electrical contractor license. Electrical contractor applicants affected by this provision shall have until July 31, 2011 to apply for licensure without any further examination requirements.~~ An applicant for an electrical contractor license that has passed any national standardized examination proctored by an independent third party within in the State of Alabama which the Board shall approve as substantially similar to the examination required to be licensed under this chapter shall be deemed to be in compliance with the testing requirement set forth by the Board for licensure as an electrical contractor. Individuals meeting this qualification shall also be required to complete all other qualifications set forth by this chapter and the Board prior to the issuance of a license. Applicants affected by this provision shall have until August 31, 2012 for licensure without any further examination requirements.

(9) All licenses shall expire annually or at other times designated by the Board.

(10) No electrical contractor license shall be issued except in compliance with this act and none shall be issued except to a person or a person in a firm, partnership, association or corporation.

(11) The Board may recognize a license issued by any other reciprocating state that, in the Board's opinion, has standards of practice or licensure equal to or greater than those required by this state. A list of the approved reciprocal states is maintained at the Board office. The Executive Director shall review and approve or deny all applicants for a reciprocal license.

(12) A provisional license may be issued by the Board and authorizes a local licensee to engage or offer to engage in the business of electrical contracting only in the limited geographical boundaries of the county or municipality that issued the local license, provided that the licensee has taken the examination offered by the Board within the last 12 months. A provisional license is only valid within the local licensing area and only for a period of twelve months from the date of issuance by the Board. Applicants affected by this provision shall have until August 31, 2012 for licensure. This license is established pursuant to Section 34-26-16, Code of Ala. 1975.

(13) An applicant for an electrical contractor's license that holds a valid professional engineer's license registered in the state of Alabama is qualified to sit for the requisite examination.

Authority: Code of Alabama 1975, §34-36-5, et seq.

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